AN ACT TO CHARTER THE SHELBY AND BROAD RIVER RAILROAD Chap. 27. COMPANY.

WHEREAS, It is highly necessary for the full development Preamble. of the iron resources of this State, that mineral coal should be introduced from the nearest mines of the same, to points where iron works are established in this State and the adjacent State of South-Carolina.

Section 1. Be it therefore enacted by the General Assem- Body corpobly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That for the purpose of establishing communication by railroad between the States of South-Carolina and North-Carolina, and especially from Shelby, in the county of Cleaveland in this State, to such points as may be jointly agreed on by the stockholders of a company to be chartered by each of the said States; the formation of a corporate company is hereby authorized to be called "The Shelby and Broad River Railroad Company," which company, when formed in compliance with the conditions hereinafter prescribed, shall have corporate existence as a body politic for such term of time as herein specified.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the capital stock of said Capital stock. company shall be five hundred thousand dollars, (\$500,000,) in five thousand shares of one hundled dollars each, and for the purpose of raising the same, books shall be opened in the county of Cleaveland, by W. J. T. Miller, A. R. Homesley, G. Dickson, D. Fronesberger and E. S. C. Chambers, or any three of them, for subscription of stock at such places and at such times as they may by publication appoint; upon which subscription there shall be paid at the time of subscribing the sum of five dollars on each share subscribed, which payment may be made in notes of any of the banks of North-Carolina or South-Carolina, in treasury notes, or in any currency of the Confederate States; and in default of such payment, the subscription of the person so in default shall be void.

. SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That when satisfactory evi- Meeting to be dence shall be furnished that fifty thousand dollars (\$50,- convened. 000) of the capital stock of said company has been sub-